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SUBJECT: ACTING PRIME MINISTER

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1. WITH P.M. MANLEY AND DEPUTY P.M. COORE IN U.S., MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND TOURISM P.J. PATTERSON IS SERVING AS ACTING PRIME MINISTER BY VIRTUE OF FACT HE SENIOR CABINET MINISTER, WHO MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CURRENTLY IN COUNTRY.

2. SECTION 72 JAMAICA CONSTITUTION PROVIDES THAT GOVERNOR GENERAL MAY RPT MAY "AUTHORIZE ANY OTHER MINISTER WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS CONFERRED ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY CONSTITUTION", WHEN HE ABSENT FROM JAMAICA. GOVGEN HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED PATTERSON TO ACT AS P.M., BUT THIS NOT UNUSUAL. HE HAS NOT DESIGNATED ACTING P.M. WHEN MANLEY OUT OF COUNTRY IN RECENT PAST.

3. ACCORDING TO SENIOR OFFICIAL MINEXTAFF, PECKING ORDER OF CABINET IS DECIDED AMONGST PARTY MEMBERS. PRECEDENCE LIST, ONCE AGREED ON, IS GIVEN TO MINEXTAFF FOR PUBLICATION. PATTERSON IS THIRD IN LINE AFTER
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MANLEY AND COORE.

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